Central University/IIT in Madhya Pradesh

†1415. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Central Unviersity or IIT is functioning in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if not, the reasons for not opening the same in that State, so far;

(c) the reasons for step-motherly treatment in respect of higher education in SC/ST dominated State of Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) whether the Ministry is considering to open a central Unviersity and IIT in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (d) No Central University or IIT is functioning in Madhya Pradesh. The ministry is not considering to open a Central Unviersity or an IIT in Madhya Pradesh for the following reasons.

— The National Policy on Education, 1986 (as modified in 1992) lays emphasis on consolidation and expansion of facilities in the existing Universities rather than setting up of more Universities, save where past commitments are involved.

— Opening of a new IIT requires huge investments and consequential liabilities. Therefore, cost effective options such as increase in intake of existing IITs and upgradation of Regional Engineering College are beign facilitated.

In any case, apart from 14 State Universities in Madhya Pradesh, Indian Institute of Management, Indore and Indian Institute of Information technology, Gwalior have been established in the said State to cater to the higher education needs of the region in particular and of the nation in genral.

NLM in Rajasthan

1416. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated, provided and utilized by National Literacy Mission for Rajasthan;

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(b) the targets fixed for the same; and

(c) the details of achievements made in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHARIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) An amount of Rs. 75.86 Crores has been released by National Literacy Mission (NLM) since inception for Total Literacy Campaigns, Post Literacy Programmes and Continuing Education programmes in Rajasthan. An amount of Rs. 63.32 Crores has been utilized upto January, 2002 as reported by the State Government.

(b) and (c) NLM aims to attain a sustainable threshold level of 75% literacy by 2005. Details of achievement in literacy in Rajasthan, as per Census 2001 (Provisional) are as follows:—

Rajasthan: Achievement in Literacy (in %)

	1991	2001	Decadal Increase
Total Literacy	38.55	61.03	22.48
Male	54.99	76.46	21.47
Female	20.44	44.34	23.90

Girl Trafficking

1417. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item 'No Red Lights on this Road to Hell' published in the Hindustan Time dated the 27th January, 2002; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to stop girl trafficking as well as to rescue estimated two lakh Nepali girl forced into immoral trafficking in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMNT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government is very much concerned about the phenomenon of inter-country and intra-country trafficking and has formulated a National Plan of Action to combat trafficking in women and children. The Plan of action